

I believe that giving the power to companies to control whether or not a consumer can record a broadcast is an insult to consumers. If the consumer has already paid (via pay-per-view or standard cable fees) for a program, why should they not be able to make a copy? I have no problem with waiting for a movie to finish the cycle of theatre -> dollar theatre -> rental-pay per view -> broadcast TV - > etc.

If the media companies are given this power, within a year there will be almost no shows or movies on TV that DON'T have the broadcast flag set, because the media companies want to control when and where the consumers spend their money.

All this boils down to is whether the government sides with the media conglomerates, or whether they are truly acting for the benefit of the consumer.

I say let the consumer decide.